

REMARKS

Applicant has filed the present Response in reply to the Official Action of June 27, 2007, and the Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for the reasons set forth below in greater detail.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wesby, U.S. Patent No. 7,027,808 in view of Crabtree (previously cited).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and traverses with at least the following analysis.

Applicant submits that the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the cited references. Wesby and Crabtree, whether taken alone, or in any combination thereof, fail to teach, suggest or render obvious, each and every feature of the claimed invention.

Neither reference teaches a “security system” as recited in the independent claims.

Specifically, the references fail to teach (i) security system with an object locator feature, as recited in Claim 1; (ii) a method for providing an object locator feature for a security system, comprising: storing identifiers for electronic tags associated with a plurality of objects, and storing descriptive information for the plurality of objects, in a memory associated with a user interface device of the security system, as recited in Claim 11; (iii) a program storage device, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform a method for providing an object locator feature for a security system, the method comprising the steps of: storing identifiers for electronic tags associated with a plurality of objects, and storing descriptive information for the plurality of objects, in a memory associated with a user interface device of the security system, as recited in Claim 16; (iv) electronic tag for use with an object locator feature of a security

system, as recited in Claim 22; and (v) a security system with an object polling feature, as recited in Claim 25.

In the Official Action, the Examiner avers that Wesby teaches a security system with an object locator feature. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contention. The Examiner's statement that Wesby teaches a security system with an object locator feature is unsubstantiated.

While Wesby, in the background section, states that it would be beneficial if a fire and intruder alarm system are fully integrated and could communicate automatically via remote system server to alert the appropriate emergency services, *see* Col. 2, lines 5-11, Wesby does not teach a security system with an object locator feature. Tellingly, the remote asset management system of Wesby is controlled using a master wireless module embedded in a mobile phone in communication with a wireless module. The reference describes that each wireless module has the capability to communicate with a mobile telephone infrastructure. The reference does not teach or suggest that the mobile phone controls a security system or is integrated with the security system.

The reference must be considered as a whole. A complete reading of the reference does not suggest that the wireless module is a "security system" and that the mobile phone is the user interface for the "security system". In fact, the reference does not refer to a control panel, a sensor or any other standard components for a security system.

Therefore, Applicant submits that Wesby does not teach the claimed security system, i.e., a security system that can be used to find a plurality of objects.

Applicant further submits that Crabtree fails to supply the missing teaching, i.e., does not teach a "security system" as claimed.

In contrast, the claimed invention incorporates the locator feature into an existing **security system**. Notably, the claimed invention claims an object locator feature that can be **integrated into an existing security system**, such as in a home or small business. The claimed security system refers to a security system that is used in a home or a business to deter burglaries and detect fires. A security system, as disclosed in an embodiment of the invention, includes a central control panel 110 that communicates with a number of sensors via a wired or wireless path. The security system further includes a user interface device 140 that may be the primary interface between the human user and the security system. The user interface device 140 is commonly provided as a wireless device to allow it to be permanently installed in the home without running wire, such as by affixing it to a wall.

The user interface device 140 can both transmit and receive signals to/from the control panel 110.

The advantage of the present invention is that the locator feature can use existing wireless communication components and existing transmitting and receiving protocols of the control panel and/or user interface device of the security system.

Furthermore, *pro arguendo*, even if the Wesby teach a “security system” none of the references enable one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate an object locator feature or function into the security system.

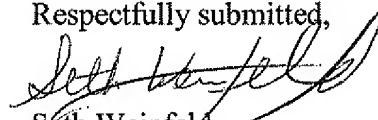
Therefore, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1, 11 16, 22 and 25 are patentably distinct from the cited references. Applicant also submits that Claims 2-10, 11-15, 17-21, 23, 24, and 26 are patentably distinct from the cited references based at least upon the above-identified analysis.

Applicant further submits that Claim 2 is separately patentable over the cited combination for at least the following additional reasons. The references fail to teach a control that controls security system components in the security system, as recited.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of Claims 1-26 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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